Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: I started enquiries on receipt of the question and I am now awaiting the reports of the officers in question.

*Bus service in the Parur-Varapuzha road.*

157. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the registration numbers of the buses that are given licenses to run service in the Parur-Varapuzha road; and

(*b*) whether all these buses are in good working condition?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: (*a*) T. R. V. 2242.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know when Bus No. T. R. V. 2242 was tested by the Department?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: I couldn't say that now.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: I can assure the honourable member that the bus is not in good condition.

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: I shall look into the matter.

*Buses plying between Alleppey and Aroor.*

168. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that buses running between Alleppey and Aroor carry overloads often;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the fact that buses are not run according to scheduled times; and

(*c*) if the answers to (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, what action has been taken?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to parts (a) & (b).

Mr. G. Madhavan *Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): May I know how many trips are made from Alleppey to Aroor per day?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: I couldn't say that off hand now.

*Taxi charges.*

169. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have fixed any amount as the maximum which could be claimed as mileage and waiting charges by private taxi owners from the public who want to travel by taxi;

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(*b*) whether they are aware that taxi owners do demand different and exorbitant rates of mileage and waiting charges from the public for travelling in taxi ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the public are put to much inconvenience and loss because mileage and waiting charges are demanded at exorbitant rates ; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that in Mysore, Madras and other places Government have fixed such rates and the same exhibited on boards in all taxis to prevent any mischief ?

**Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar :** (*a*) No. This subject is under consideration.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Government have no information.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** May I know from the honourable member, with regard to part (a) , how long since the matter is under consideration ?

**Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar :** For the past three months.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** May I know whether he has visited Madras or Bangalore last April ?

**Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar :** Yes.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** May I know whether he had any occasion to see that the specific rates, mileage, etc., are exhibited on boards in all taxis and that the public are paying only according to those rates ?

**Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar :** Yes. Subsequently I sent the Traffic Inspector. He has brought a report on the matter and it is under consideration.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** May I know whether early orders will be passed to see that the situation is eased ?

**Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar :** Yes.

*All Kerala Christian Conference.*

170. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the report published in the Keralabhooshanam of the proceedings of the recent All Kerala Christian Conference has come under their notice ;

(*b*) whether they are satisfied about the veracity of the statement in the report that a lakh of people were present at the Conference ; and

(*c*) the steps they are taking to prevent reports that tend to spread misunderstanding among the people ?

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